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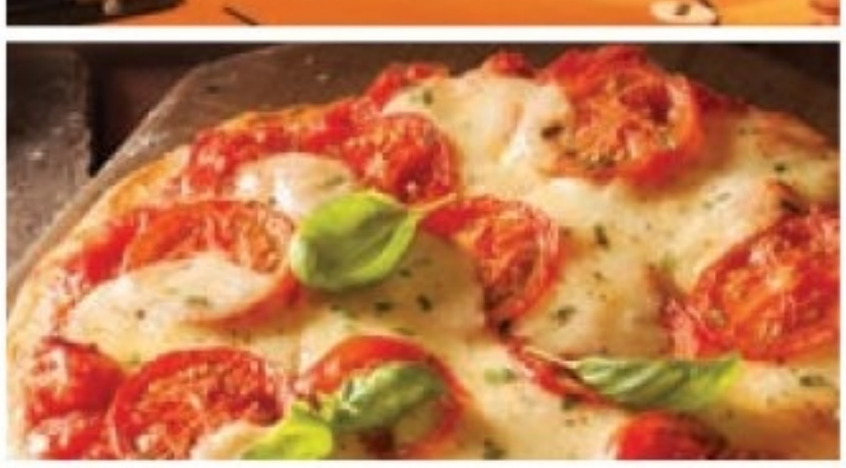

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FREAK LIGHTNING STORM KILLS 323 REINDEER IN NORWAY

A freak lightning storm has killed 323 reindeer in a remote mountainous area of Norway, officials said. Dead animals were found lying on top of each other, many with their antlers entangled, after the thunderstorm on the Hardanger plateau in southern Norway. "We've never had anything like this with lightning," Kjartan Knutsen of Norway's nature surveillance agency said, adding there were sometimes isolated cases of sheep or reindeer struck down. Reindeer tend to group together when in danger. It was unclear whether the herd had been killed by a single lightning bolt or several. Hardanger was extremely wet, helping conduct lightning.

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CALIF. LAWMAKERS PASS RAPE BILL INSPIRED BY STANFORD CASE

2 California lawmakers, responding to outrage over the six-month jail term given to a former Stanford University swimmer after his conviction for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman, passed legislation, closing a loophole that allowed the sentence. The bill now goes to Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown for approval. He has not indicated whether he will sign it into law. The measure was introduced in response to the sentence given to 20-year-old Brock Turner by Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky, which was condemned as too lenient. Prosecutors had asked that Turner be given six years in prison. He is scheduled to be released on Friday from jail in Northern California. "Sexually assaulting an unconscious or intoxicated victim is a terrible crime and our laws need to reflect that," Democratic Assemblyman Bill Dodd, a co-author of the legislation, said in a written statement.

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TWITTER TO SHARE AD REVENUE ON VIDEOS BY US INDIVIDUAL USERS

3 Twitter said it would share some of the advertising revenue on videos created by its individual users in the United States as part of an expanded video advertising program.

The microblogging service provider's Amplify Publisher Program is currently restricted to large companies such as CBS Corp's CBS News and organizations such as the National Football League and Major League Baseball.

A user has to check a box prior to tweeting videos, after which ads will run on the video before it starts. "A portion of the ad revenue is then shared back with creator," Twitter said in a blog post. Twitter will share 70 percent of the revenue with the video creator, technology website Recode reported, citing a source familiar with the matter. REUTERS

Communities battle the stigma of drug addiction to save lives

International Overdose Awareness Day brings public perception into the spotlight.

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For most people and their families battling drug addiction, standing up to the stigma is another hurdle entirely. The shaming stares and discrimination imposed by neighbors, friends, classmates or coworkers, in church or at grocery stores, is tangible. And painful.

From that sense of alienation was born International Overdose Awareness Day. Observed annually on Aug. 31, participants mark the day to mourn their loved ones without shame, and to offer education and stimulate discussion on the issues of addiction, overdose and drug policy.

Events designed to raise awareness are planned today in cities across the nation, from Philadelphia to Seattle.

More than 250,000 Americans died of prescription drug overdoses from 2001 to 2014, the last year for which data is available. During that same period, 135,000 people died from illicit overdoses, which includes cocaine and heroin. In both sets, rates of fatal overdose have increased exponentially in recent years, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Yet as instances of fatal overdose are all too common, terms of discrimination against those battling addiction persist: "junkie," "tweaker," "druggy," "meth head" "wine-o."

"I think some of the stigma from drug use comes from our very outdated understanding of what problematic substance abuse is and why people do it," Laura Thomas of the Drug Policy Alliance said.

Local stats

- In Pennsylvania, there were 88 painkiller prescriptions issued per 100 people (CDC, 2012)
- 2015 saw twice as many deaths by drug overdose than by homicide (Philadelphia Dept. of Public Health, 2016)
- Rates of opioid-related deaths are three times higher among men than women, two times higher among whites than blacks and highest in people ages 25 to 59 years old. (Philadelphia Dept. of Public Health, 2016)

"We're taught a series of stereotypes — that it's distant, someone other than us — but also that [drug addiction] is selfish, irresponsible, and there are additional, often racist overtones," Thomas said.

Thomas, deputy state director in California for the New York City-based organization, said the phrase "drug addict" is often associated with the image of an African-American man, though the reality is that in the United States, most adults abuse intoxicants, whether legal or illicit, at one point in their lives.

To combat these stigmas, Thomas said, shifts in the criminal justice system and in public perception need to take place. First, addiction should be treated like a health issue, not a criminal issue, she said. And much like increased acceptance with the LGBT community, there needs to be a change in the "public presentation," through high-profile people discussing their addiction and earnest discussion, she said.

In Philadelphia, a nonprofit organization called Prevention Point Philadelphia is dedicated to reducing the harm of substance abuse by attacking the stigma of addiction and promoting health and public policy programs.

Kensington-based PPP offers syringe-exchange programs, hepatitis C and HIV screenings, mobile medical services to at-risk adults and provides training in the use of Nalaxone, an overdose antidote.

PPP isn't hosting any specific event for Awareness Day, but that's because trainings and services are offered at its office every day, Executive Director José Benitez said.

"We will be planning an overdose memorial day sometime in early October, and that's really to do something locally for Philadelphians," Benitez said.

"We're on track to have over 700 [fatal] overdoses in Philadelphia, which is twice the homicide rate, in 2016 alone," he said. "In 2015, we had a little over 650 overdose deaths. … The reality is that if this were affecting any other population, we would be pouring resources into this. But because it's affecting people who use drugs, it's seen as a population that doesn't need to be addressed."

Benitez said only 10 percent of people who really need treatment are getting it, a problem that stems from stigma and resources.

"The reality about harm reduction is that it works," Benitez added. "But it's hard to have honest, good public health conversation around overdose prevention."

In nearby Bucks County, The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania will host a vigil and moment of silence for those who lost their battle against addiction. At the Southern Bucks Recovery Community Center in Bristol, participants will be encouraged to hang purple and silver ribbons to honor their loved ones.

For a full list of vigils, speaker panels, Twitter chats and more, head to Overdoseday.com.

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DA: Convicted rapist who tried to kill victim could get more than 100 years

DA urges victims to contact domestic violence hotline.

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A convicted rapist could get more than 100 years in prison for assaulting a woman and chasing her down the street while shooting at her, Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams said.

Tyree Morris, 41, was convicted last week of attempted murder, aggravated assault and sexual assault.

He would have murdered his girlfriend if he hadn't run out of bullets, according to prosecutors.

"Tyree Morris raped and tried to kill his ex-girlfriend, and at one point, chased her down the street firing his gun, which could have killed multiple innocent bystanders," Williams said in a statement announcing the verdict.

Morris' spree of violence took place on Oct. 17, 2015, in Southwest Philly, according to prosecutors.

Morris restrained and raped his live-in girlfriend, 28, threatening to shoot her 9-year-old son if she resisted.

After she broke free and fled Morris chased her down the street with a gun, firing seven shots. He caught her, tried to fire again, but the gun was empty.

"Instead he choked the victim until she lost consciousness and tried to hide her body behind a car before fleeing the scene," according to the DA's office.

Police spotted Morris driving, but he abandoned the car, which was found to have two firearms inside. Morris fled to Maryland where he was eventually found with the aid of U.S. Marshals.

However, Morris fled there as well, leading Maryland state police on a high speed chase. He was only captured after crashing into a guardrail on I-95.

Tyree Morris PROVIDED

Williams underscored the seriousness of sexual assault and urged victims to contact prosecutors.

"One in four women and one in six men will be sexually assaulted before their 18th birthday, and each year there are about 213,000 victims of sexual assault in the U.S," Williams said in a statement, urging any victims to contact the Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-866-723-3014 or 911.

Morris faces 63½ to 127 years in prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 2.

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Police: Lancaster County man broke into farm for sex with mini horse

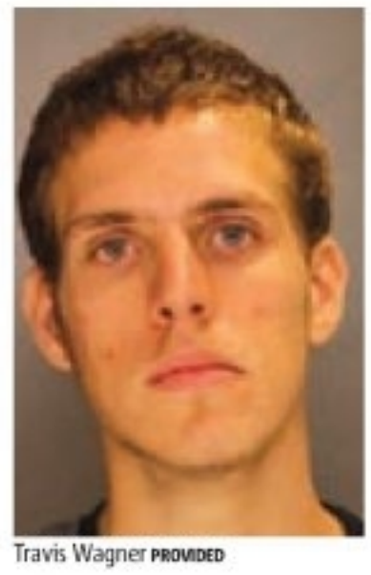
On a recent hot summer night, a Lancaster County man was driven to break into a barn by his lust for a miniature horse, police said.

Travis Wagner, 21, was charged with sexual intercourse with an animal and burglary for breaking into the barn and having sex with the miniature horse, Ephrata police announced.

Wagner was formally arrested Monday for the Aug. 16 incident.

Authorities said around 9:30 p.m. that night, police were called to the 500 Block of Indiantown Road in West Cocalico Township. Witnesses said they saw a man park outside the barn and go inside for a short time. They gave police the license plate number of his vehicle, which led them to Wagner's home in Reinholds.

"Upon interview, Wagner admitted that he had entered the barn for the purpose of engaging in sexual intercourse with a miniature horse housed within," the police report stated.



Travis Wagner PROVIDED

Wagner was released on $5,000 bail after being arraigned Monday. He could face up to 12 years in prison.

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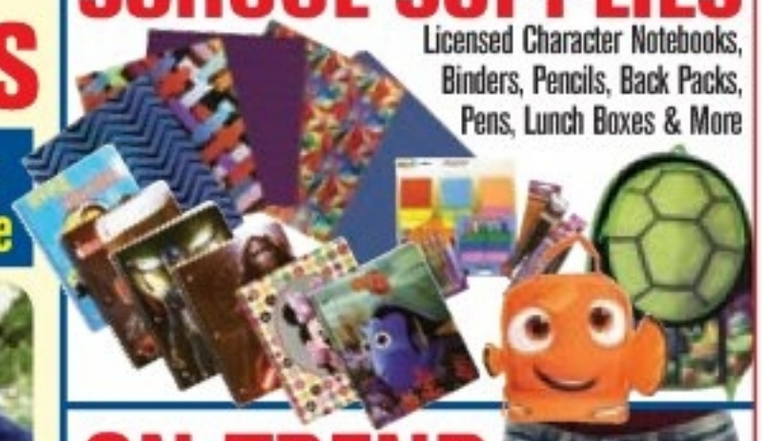

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Police seek answers in execution-style murder

Police are hoping surveillance footage will help them find a suspect who they say shot a man at close range several times, killing him execution-style in West Philly.

Just after midnight Tuesday, police arrived on the scene at 55th and Sansom streets to find a man bleeding from his head. He was transported to an area hospital, but was pronounced dead around 12:30 a.m., CBS Philly reported.

The victim had no identification on him. He is believed to be in his 20s, and investigators said they think he was the intended target.

Chief Inspector Scott Small said investigators are still trying to find a motive in the shooting, and are reviewing surveillance footage in the Cobb Creek area to help identify a suspect, 6ABC reported. ALEXIS SACHDEV

Former AG aide to replace convicted Kathleen Kane

Beemer, center, is sworn in as attorney general. TWITTER/ @GOVERNORTOMWOLF

Bruce Beemer first joined the AG's office in 2011.

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In the wake of Kathleen Kane's conviction and resignation from her position as Pennsylvania attorney general, her former top deputy is poised to take over.

On Tuesday, the state Senate unanimously confirmed the appointment of Bruce Beemer, who left his position under Kane to become an inspector general under Gov. Tom Wolf.

Beemer will take over the five remaining months of Kane's term until a successor elected by voters is sworn in on Jan. 17, the Associated Press reported.

The longtime prosecutor first joined the attorney general's office under Gov. Tom Corbett, but has notoriously clashed with Kane in the last several months, even testifying against her after she leaked information to the Philadelphia Daily News, PennLive reported.

But Beemer seems to have support from Harrisburg.

"You cannot expect a person in four months to undo the havoc that has wreaked over three years in that office, but if anybody can start to do it, Bruce can," former AG Linda Kelly told PennLive last week.

Victim advocate Jennifer Storm echoed praise of Beemer, tweeting that he's the "best possible choice to bring some stability, ethics [and] leadership" to the office.

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White House: Obama shortens the prison sentences of 111 convicts

Obama has made reducing the number of people serving long sentences for nonviolent drug offenses a priority. It is one of the rare issues where the president gets support from Republican lawmakers.

President Barack Obama shortened the prison sentences of 111 convicts serving time for drug-related offenses in his second round of clemency grants this month, the White House said on Tuesday.

Obama has now granted a total of 673 commutations during his presidency, more than the number granted by the 10 previous presidents combined, as he seeks to reform the criminal justice system, it said.

For some of the convicts, the commutations mean they will serve only half of their original prison sentences. For instance, Sly Stallone Aikens of South Carolina, serving a sentence of 360 months for using and carrying a gun during a drug trafficking crime, will now serve only 180 months.

More than one-third of the 673 convicts had been serving life sentences.

He launched the clemency program in 2014, inviting thousands of drug offenders and others to seek early release. It was the most ambitious such program in 40 years, but it has struggled under a flood of thousands of unprocessed cases.

Obama is expected to continue to grant commutations through the end of his presidency. GETTY IMAGES

The White House counsel, Neil Eggleston, said he expects Obama will continue to grant commutations through the end of his presidency, which ends on Jan. 20. But only legislation passed by Congress can "achieve the broader reforms needed to ensure our federal sentencing system operates more fairly and effectively," Eggleston said.

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BRIEF

New Jersey Gov. Christie vetoes minimum wage hike to $15 an hour

Republican New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Tuesday vetoed a bill to raise the state's minimum wage to $15 per hour over the next five years.

The legislation would have made New Jersey the third state to adopt a $15 per hour minimum wage, Christie said in a statement.

State voters agreed to a previous wage hike in 2013, to $8.25 from $7.25. New Jersey's rate is tied to the consumer price index and is now at $8.38, according to a database from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

"Despite having a constitutional mandate in place, the Legislature now wants to increase the minimum wage by almost 80 percent just three years later," Christie said in a statement about his veto.

Christie, a close ally of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, said the wage bill passed by Democrats, who control both houses of state Legislature, failed to consider the ability of businesses to absorb the increased labor costs.

Neighboring New York state, as well as California, became the first states to lift the minimum wage toward $15 earlier this year.

While California's higher rate will be in effect statewide by 2022, New York created a two-speed system, with different timetables for New York City and nearby counties, versus the "upstate" regions where incomes are lower and labor markets less robust.

Some cities are also stepping up to higher wage levels. Washington, D.C.'s minimum wage will reach $15 per hour by July 1, 2020, after it enacted a law this year. The city's current level is $10.50.

Washington and 29 states have set minimum wages above the federal rate of $7.25 an hour, according to the NCSL.

Michele Siekerka, president of the New Jersey Business & Industry Association, praised Christie's veto, saying the increase was "too much too fast."

"Had this bill been signed, it would not only have hurt the New Jersey economy, but it would have hurt the exact workers the proponents of this policy are trying to help," she said in a statement.

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Rousseff should be judged for crisis in Brazil, accuser says

Rousseff, who was suspended from office in May pending her trial, is accused of using money from state banks to bolster spending during her 2014 re-election campaign, a budgetary sleight of hand employed by many elected officials in Brazil.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff's accusers told her trial in the Senate on Tuesday she should be judged not only on charges of breaking budget rules but also for a sweeping corruption scandal and a deep recession that erupted on her watch.

Rousseff, who was suspended from office in May pending the trial, is accused of using money from state banks to bolster spending during her re-election campaign in 2014, a budgetary sleight of hand employed by many elected officials in Brazil.

In her testimony on Monday, Rousseff denied any wrongdoing and said the impeachment process was aimed at reversing the social gains achieved under 13 years of leftist rule and protecting the interests of the monied elites in Latin America's largest economy.

In an emotional speech, she compared the trial to her persecution under Brazil's 1964-1985 military dictatorship, when she was tortured by security services as a member of a leftist urban guerrilla group.

However, lawyer Janaina Paschoal, the author of the impeachment request against Rousseff, told the Senate in her closing arguments that her trial was not merely about "accounting issues" but about the damage done to Brazil by her government.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff
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"You might say that this is beyond the scope of the trial but this is the reality and you as senators cannot vote ignoring our reality," Paschoal said. "The world needs to know that we are not just voting about accounting issues."

A final vote in the trial, which paralyzed Brazilian politics for the last nine months, is expected on Wednesday morning, according to Supreme Court Chief Justice Ricardo Lewandowski, who is presiding over the process.

In addition to the closing arguments by Rousseff's defense and accusers, more than 60 of the chamber's 81 senators have already registered to speak in the final debate. Lewandowski said he expected to end the session late on Tuesday and resume on Wednesday morning.

The trial has become a test of Rousseff's waning popularity and her failure to build lasting political alliances. REUTERS

US lauds fragile respite between Turkey, Kurdish fighters in Syria

The United States welcomed an apparent pause in fighting between Turkish-backed forces and Kurdish militia fighters in Syria, both of them members of the coalition fighting Islamic State, but it was far from clear that any truce would hold.

Washington has been alarmed by NATO ally Turkey's incursion into northern Syria, launched almost a week ago. The operation, dubbed "Euphrates Shield," aims to push back Islamic State but also to prevent U.S.-backed Kurdish militia fighters from seizing more territory along the Turkish border.

Ankara fears advances by Kurdish fighters as Islamic State is pushed out are aimed at establishing a Kurdish enclave along Syria's northern border, a move which could embolden a three-decade Kurdish insurgency on Turkish soil.

The Turkish incursion has left Washington scrambling to get its feuding allies to focus their firepower on Islamic State instead of each other after clashes that have threatened to unravel America's war strategy in Syria.

"The United States welcomes the overnight calm between the Turkish military and other counter-ISIL forces in Syria," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said, using an acronym for Islamic State. REUTERS

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Orlando 911 calls tell of fear inside and outside of Pulse club

Shooter Omar Mateen killed 49 people and wounded 53 at the Pulse nightclub in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

Panicked callers to 911 during June's mass shooting in Orlando told police of buildings hit by stray bullets and wounded friends stuck inside the gay nightclub where a gunman pledging allegiance to Islamic State killed 49 people.

"Gun shots were just like crazy," one caller outside the club told 911 operators, according to partial transcripts of the calls that were released on Tuesday.

One neighbor near Pulse told 911 operators people were banging on his door to escape the shooting and others were seeking cover behind parked cars.

People reported on the carnage inside the club.

"One of our friends sent us a text and he said that he's been shot and he's in the bathroom and no one sees him," one caller told 911.

A woman told an operator her husband was in the club and he reported shooting.

"He told me he cannot get out. He's over there [and] he said he cannot get out," the woman said.

A man said: "I just got home from the Pulse club … My friends texted me [to] tell me there is a shooting going [on]. A lot of my friends got shot."

The operator responds by saying not to text or call the friend.

Authorities did not release the names of those who called 911 or those who were mentioned as being inside the club.

Law enforcement officials at the Pulse gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. GETTY IMAGES

Mateen, 29, was killed by police inside the nightclub.

He pledged allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State militant group during the rampage in which he used an assault rifle and pistol that had been legally purchased although he had twice been investigated by the FBI for possible connections with militant Islamist groups.

U.S. authorities believe that Mateen, who lived in Fort Pierce, Florida, with his wife and young child, was self-radicalized and acted alone without assistance or orders from abroad. REUTERS

BRIEF

China charges U.S. woman with espionage

An American businesswoman held in China since March last year has been charged with spying, China's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday, the latest development in a case that has added to U.S.-China tensions.

Sandy Phan-Gillis, from Houston, Texas, who is of Chinese ancestry and is a naturalized U.S. citizen, was arrested in March 2015 and had been held without charges since then.

"Based on our understanding, Phan-Gillis, because of her suspected crimes of espionage, has been charged according to law by the relevant Chinese department," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters at a regular briefing.

"China is a country ruled by law. The relevant Chinese department will handle the case strictly according to law," she said, without elaborating.

It was unclear what violations the charge covers.

News of the charges against Phan-Gillis comes just ahead of a visit to China by President Barack Obama, who will arrive on Saturday for a G20 summit in the city of Hangzhou. REUTERS

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Ex-Gitmo prisoner deported to Uruguay from Venezuela

Jihad Diyab was held for 12 years in Guantanamo without being charged and was released to Uruguay in 2014 in a deal to reduce the number of detainees at the U.S. military prison.

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba GETTY IMAGES

A former Guantanamo Bay prisoner arrived in Uruguay on Tuesday after being deported from Venezuela, where he set off alarm bells for traveling without proper documents and was detained earlier this month, a government official said.

"He arrived early this morning," Susana Muñiz, the director of Uruguayan health services said on local television, adding that he was being taken for a medical check-up.

The Syrian national had not been seen in Montevideo since mid-June and arrived in Caracas by way of Brazil in late July.

Diyab's lawyer told Reuters earlier this month that he asked the Uruguayan consulate in Caracas to help him travel to Turkey where he was to meet with his family. But he was then arrested by Venezuelan security forces.

"He did not properly enter either Brazil or Venezuela, and was deported to Uruguay. He will continue to be treated as a refugee," Uruguayan Interior Minister Eduardo Bonomi told local paper El Pais.

News that Diyab had left Uruguay led a group of U.S. lawmakers to demand that President Barack Obama halt transfers of Guantanamo prisoners, arguing that they represented a security risk to Americans. REUTERS

USDA closes six offices in five states after threats

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has closed six offices in five states after receiving anonymous threats, a USDA representative said on Tuesday.

"Yesterday, USDA received several anonymous messages that are concerning for the safety of USDA personnel and its facilities. As a precaution, USDA has closed offices," USDA spokesman Matthew Herrick said in an emailed statement.

Herrick said offices were closed in Fort Collins, Colorado; Hamden, Connecticut; Beltsville, Maryland; Raleigh, North Carolina; and Kearneysville and Leetown, West Virginia.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the USDA was working with the Department of Homeland Security to ensure the safety of their offices and personnel, but he declined to provide any details about the threats. REUTERS

"In consultation with the Department of Homeland Security, USDA has taken some prudent steps to ensure the protection of their facilities and their personnel."

Herrick

BRIEF

Maine governor may not finish term amid racism flap

Combative Maine Gov. Paul LePage said on Tuesday he would consider resigning as he faces a wave of criticism from both fellow Republicans and rival Democrats after leaving a lawmaker a profanity-filled voicemail last week.

LePage's latest outburst came after a newspaper reporter told the two-term, Tea Party-backed governor that Democratic state Rep. Drew Gattine had described the governor as racist for focusing on black people as bearing primary responsibility for the drug trade in the state.

"I'm looking at all options," LePage said in a weekly interview on WVOM-FM radio when asked if he would finish his term, which extends through 2018.

"I'm not going to say that I'm not going to finish it, I'm not saying that I am going to finish it. What I'm going to do right now is I'm taking one step at a time. I want to meet with Mr. Gattine and then I want to meet with my team at my office and we're going to look at what the proper steps are to move the state forward." REUTERS

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After day of drama, Chris Brown arrested by LAPD

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After Chris Brown put himself under voluntary house arrest while the LAPD attempted to obtain a search warrant for his home, the singer was actually arrested by the LAPD on charges of assault with a deadly weapon on Tuesday night. Brown, 27, who once dated and assaulted Rihanna, was accused of pulling a gun on a woman early Tuesday morning. Brown and friends were at his home when the woman and other "uninvited guests" arrived. He then pointed the weapon at the woman after she and her friends refused to leave. She ran from the house and called 911, say numerous reports.

The police arrived at Brown's Tarzana home at 3 a.m., where they were unable to enter without a warrant, according to the Los Angeles Times. No worries, though, as TMZ's sources say: "[Brown] threw the duffel bag out the window, taunting cops and saying, 'Come and get me.'" The bag allegedly contained weapons and drugs.

Meanwhile, Brown posted a series of videos on Instagram and Snapchat, saying he would not leave his home until the officers acquired the proper warrant, adding, "When you get the warrant or whatever you need to do, you're going to walk right up in here and you're going to see nothing, you idiots." The singer who was on probation until March 2015 after viciously attacking then-girlfriend Rihanna, won a custody battle with Nia Guzman, who claimed he was unfit to care for their daughter.

Ice Cube ice cold on Donald Trump

Sorry, Trump supporters, but the coolest person who likes him is still, uh, Scott Baio, we guess. Over the weekend, the bum landlord-turned-TV star-turned-apocalyptic candidate seemed to have corralled one key celebrity to his side: His lemmings found an interview with Ice Cube, in which the rapper and movie star appeared to sing his praises.

"Donald Trump is what Americans love," Cube said. "Donald Trump is what Americans aspire to be: rich, powerful, do what you want to do, say what you want to say, be how you want to be. That's kind of been the American dream."

Yikes! But simmer down: Turns out his words were simply taken out of context. Soon as the Internet went aghast that the genius who wrote "F—k Tha Police" was stumping for a guy who said most Mexicans were rapists, Cube himself took to Twitter to make things right. "I will never endorse a motherf—er like Donald Trump! EVER!!!" he sent out. To which most Trumpees retorted, "Who's Ice Cube?"

the word

Rihanna and Drake date night: sushi at Nobu, rose to go

We've known for a while that something's up between Drake and Rihanna. From his sentimental speech to her at the VMAs to their afterparty PDA, we'd wager at the very least he calls her on her cellphone.

In case you needed any more proof that the two are getting even cozier in real life than they do in the video for "Work," the rumored (read: obvious) couple was spotted last night leaving an intimate dinner at Nobu. Oh, and Ri Ri took her rosé, along with her Drake, to go, because that's how she rolls.

Ryan Lochte agreed to 'Dancing With the Stars' before Rio incident

Call it unfortunate timing.

The cast of the 23rd season of "Dancing With the Stars" was official revealed on "Good Morning America" on Tuesday and featured some familiar faces. Amber Rose… Rick Perry… Vanilla Ice… oh, and disgraced Olympian Ryan Lochte. The swimmer, who most recently was in hot water following an incident report gone sour in Rio, says his casting was agreed upon before the debacle, noting," I'm not one to make excuses, but I was still intoxicated. I was still going through the emotions of having a gun pulled on me."

The 32-year-old, who will be paired with dancer Cheryl Burke, is described as a "transcendent figure in the Olympic World" in the bio provided by ABC, but he was quick to address his past fibs during the morning interview. "I reached out to Jimmy [Feigen] saying, 'I know you had to pay that fine. It is my fault.' I'm taking full responsibility for this, and I will pay that back, if he will let me," he said of his 26-year-old teammate who paid $11,000 to leave Brazil following their crime.

But still — Lochte wants everyone to just get over it already: "Everyone's got to be sick and tired of hearing about this. I know I am," he added. "I just want to move forward and ... put on my dancing shoes. Or at least try to!" You can try, Ryan Lochte. You can definitely try.

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Joe Jonas on life after the Jonas Brothers and those DNCE skeptics

"Time has made us evolve."

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This blend of disco funk comes from (from left) JinJoo Lee, Joe Jonas, Cole Whittle and Jack Lawless. GETTY IMAGES

DNCE is a musical injection to lift the spirits. No matter your age, you can't help but move your feet when you hear the beats of this group led by Joe Jonas. Their single, "Cake by the Ocean," has more than 180 million views on YouTube and continues to dominate Spotify and iTunes charts as the arguable song of the summer. Amid a pop landscape largely dominated by reunions, this dance party-ready group that prints a fresh sound arose.

We chatted with Jonas and Cole Whittle, who along with Jack Lawless and JinJoo Lee make up the group's stellar chemistry.

Stunned with success?

Joe Jonas: It has been incredible! We've been musicians all our lives and you know, the feeling of being together, the public reacts quickly and "Cake by the Ocean" has reached, literally, the entire world so quickly. We feel fortunate and happy, and that only makes us want to work harder because we want to be a band forever.

Some people would say that DNCE is a band that will not last very long, what do you think of that?

Jonas: Tell them to talk to us in 10 years. (Laughs)

Pop has been questioned in recent times, what do you think about that?

Jonas: It is going through a serious moment. I think there are many artists that are doing a type of pop that leads nowhere … I don't know, so I hope we're bringing something different and fun, but something people will take seriously.

Cole Whittle: We're making music we like. It's pop, but with a different proposal. The four of us were walking down four different streets and we found one headfirst.

What's the difference between DNCE and The Jonas Brothers?

Jonas: Probably the biggest difference is that we have grown a lot through music and you know, those moments when time has made us evolve, really. Many people categorizes us as a continuation, there are a lot of enemies who believed that we couldn't do things separately. The Jonas Brothers were left behind, but we continue to create individual projects.

Whittle: Musically, DNCE sounds like funk disco beats. Aesthetically, we are all very different characters and that is what is projected on stage. Everyone identifies with one of us, somehow … we are like the X-Men or something. (Laughs)

What's next for the rest of the year?

Jonas: We will continue to tour playing as many concerts around the world as we can for the rest of the year. In autumn we will launch our first album, which makes us very happy.

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The trouble with Harley Quinn

Margot Robbie's Harley Quinn, right, has been one of the most debated aspects of "Suicide Squad." CLAY ENOS

I spent the weekend at my first convention since the release of "Suicide Squad," and I noticed something: There were a lot of children dressed as Harley Quinn. Now, if you've ever been to a convention, you know this is not surprising. Harley is one of the most popular cosplays out there. She's been a fan favorite since she first appeared in "Batman: The Animated Series" in 1992. There have been endless discussions about her. Personally, I'm a fan. The thing that gives me pause is seeing a bunch of girls as young as 6 wearing fishnets, booty shorts and jackets that say "Property of the Joker."

As creepy as it was, I was also very conflicted about writing this. Certainly I write often about body image and being comfortable with whatever you want to wear. Did I have a problem with little girls and boys dressing up as the Joker? No. Other villains? Not at all. Serial killers? Nope. As a kid, I probably would have wanted to dress up as movie Harley as well. It's a cool character design and not very difficult to pull off at a con. So, why does this bother me?

First let me say that I'm absolutely not condemning parents (or the kids for that matter) for dressing this way. I'm mostly writing this to find out why I'm so uncomfortable with it, when being uncomfortable goes against everything I usually stand for.

So, here's what I've come up with: It's not the fishnets. It's not the booty shorts. It's "Property of the Joker" that's getting me. Look, I have the jacket that says the very same thing. As I said, I'm a fan of the character. But there is something about seeing little girls dressing up as the "property" of someone that jars me.

When you see a kid dressing up as a serial killer, you think, "Well, there aren't that many of those." When you see a little Joker, you think, "Well, the likelihood is you won't end up in a place like Arkham Asylum." I mean, it could happen, but it probably won't. And it's not that I think that wearing a costume makes you like a character any more than I think loving video games or horror movies makes you violent. I do all of those things and I can't even kill a bug.

I think the problem is that domestic violence is so prevalent in our society. The misogyny women deal with online and in their real lives is an epidemic. The statistics are heartbreaking. I spoke with one person at the con whose mother had dealt with domestic violence, who said it was upsetting because so many of these girls will have to deal with this in the future.

So the conclusion I've come to is this: It isn't the costume or the character that are upsetting. It's how many of these little girls will have something in common with her one day.

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Behind the scenes: 'Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution'

New retrospective arrives next month at the National Museum of American Jewish History.

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If you're a casual rock fan, you might not know Bill Graham's name. But you almost certainly know the names he helped to make not only famous, but immortal: The Grateful Dead, Cream, Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan, for starters.

Born in Nazi Germany, Graham immigrated to the United States as a child, spending his teenage years in New York City's foster system and eventually serving in the Korean War.

imi Hendrix was one of the artists Bill Graham made even more famous. ROBERT WEDEMEYER

By the time he landed in San Francisco in the '60s, the counterculture current was strong and the time was ripe for a young, ambitious entrepreneur with a unique understanding of social justice. What followed is documented in "Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution," a touring exhibit organized by L.A.'s Skirball Cultural Center.

Swinging through Old City's National Museum of American Jewish History in September, the retrospective features concert posters, memorabilia, photographs and video of Graham's career as one of rock's most influential, socially conscious concert promoters.

After making a name for himself at San Fran's Fillmore Auditorium, he went on to produce iconic shows on both coasts, including Live Aid.

The massive 1985 benefit concert — which included sets from Led Zepplin, Mick Jagger and Madonna — was a landmark not only in music history, but in Philadelphia history.

"Live Aid was a huge event for Philly — it put us on the international stage, in front of millions and millions of people," says Bruce Warren, WXPN host and program director. "It was the coming together of some of the biggest names in music and laid the groundwork for festivals to come in the future."

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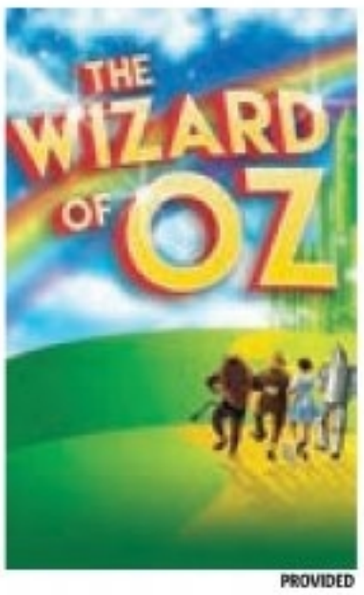

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On Wednesday, Sept. 7, the Walnut Street Theatre will be holding auditions for munchkins in "The Wizard of Oz." Open to kids between the ages of 6 and 13, more than 300 online applications have been submitted to fill the 30 coveted spots for munchkins.

Casting director Brian Kurtus says he's looking for "kids with great personalities" who can not only be confident in front of thousands of people but also "hold their own" in a professional setting.

"Kids with that charm and X factor — it's something that can't be taught," he adds.

Height is important — as in, a kid shouldn't have too much of it.

"Since the kids are playing munchkins in the production they can't be taller than the adults. The shortest adult in the cast is 5-[foot]-2 so we wouldn't be able to cast any kids over 5-[foot]-1."

For group numbers like "The Lollipop Guild" and "Lullaby League," singing and dance ability will be needed as well.

"Dancing skills are helpful for us," says Kurtus. "We're also looking for voices that are unchanged."

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Try to describe Queen Village without using cliched words like "quaint" and "picturesque," and you might just find yourself at a loss. This historic quarter — roughly bounded by Front and Sixth streets to the east and west, and Lombard and Washington to the north and south — boasts cobbled streets, hidden mews and more charm per square foot than nearly anywhere else in the city. The area the Lenni Lenape referred to as "Wiccaco," meaning "pleasant place," was settled by Swedes before William Penn reached these shores and named it Southwark. Rechristened in the 1970s to honor Sweden's Queen Christina, the neighborhood has retained its historic character, while embracing subsequent waves of immigrants and their cultures.

According to Michele Golembeski, a Realtor with Plumer & Associates and longtime Queen Village resident, what makes the neighborhood so attractive is that it does actually feel like a village. "It's one of the city's most walkable and bike-friendly neighborhoods, with plenty of green space for enjoying nature, and dog parks to share with your four-legged friends," she says. "And there are so many restaurants and local pubs to choose from, you wish there were more days in the week. It's a neighborhood where people frequently say hello when you pass by them."

The median sale price of a single-family home is $610,000, while the median sale price of a condo is $316,921, making Queen Village one of the city's pricier neighborhoods. Its livability, however, makes it a great value, says Golembeski.

One of the things that best defines Queen Village is its sheer number of locally owned businesses. Longtime resident Richard De Wyngaert describes it as "a dynamic blend of multiple generations, economic diversity and forward-looking, engaged residents who take real pride in supporting independent businesses." He should know: His bookstore, Head House Books, has been a neighborhood staple since 2005.

There is real cultural diversity as well, with shops, restaurants and markets reflecting the heritage of generations of immigrants who have called this neighborhood home.

Rentals average $1,423 a month for a one-bedroom apartment, with many of these clustered around the newly revitalized Fourth Street Fabric Row. One of the most recently gentrified corners of Queen Village, the stretch of Fourth Street between Lombard and Christian — once the heart of Philadelphia's textile industry where businesses stayed in families for generations — is now seeing an influx of new, younger business owners, bringing with them trendy boutiques, buzzworthy dining spots and even a cat cafe.

This type of revitalization is in keeping with the changes that Golembeski has witnessed first-hand as a resident. "Queen Village has really evolved with me," she notes, "from the time I came here as a young professional, then raised my kids here and now as an empty-nester." De Wyngaert agrees: "Queen Village is exceptionally vital — it just keeps getting better and better."

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Eagles players voice support for Tebow

Several former Tebow teammates have nothing but good wishes for the Heisman Trophy winner as he tries to start a career in baseball.

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Generally, Tim Tebow's workout for scouts Tuesday got positive reviews. GETTY IMAGES

Tim Tebow's baseball tryout drew more than 40 scouts, according to his agent, and onlookers commented that the former football star — who is attempting to play right field for the first time since high school — was both impressive and awkward looking during his workout at USC.

Former Eagles teammates voiced nothing but support Tuesday ahead of Tebow's tryout.

"I didn't know he had played his junior year of high school," Eagles wide receiver Jordan Matthews said, admitting to reporters he had learned about Tebow's latest endeavor on ESPN that morning. "I'll tell you what, he's a man of faith, so he believes in himself. No one can tell him he can't do that. When Tebow was here, I loved it. More power to him. I hope he makes the team."

During his tryout, onlookers on Twitter reported that he ran close to a 6.6 second 60-yard dash and showed an above-average arm (no surprise there — he won a Heisman Trophy and two titles at the University of Florida).

In high school, Tebow hit .494 and was an All-Coast team member as a junior, but did not play as a senior to focus on football. More than 10 years later, can Tebow get his swing back?

"I think if there's one thing Tim Tebow for sure has it's a tremendous work ethic, a tremendous desire and a tremendous competitive nature. That was quickly evident when he was here with the Philadelphia Eagles," Jason Kelce said — a knowledgeable Tebow critic as the Eagles' starting center. "He was the first guy in the building and the last guy to leave. He puts a lot of time into being the best at his craft that he can. It didn't work out here for various reasons but I have nothing but respect for the guy and I wish him nothing but great things."

"I think we will see," another player on the Eagles offense, Trey Burton said. "I've never seen him hit. I've never seen him throw or do any of that stuff. To play major league baseball you have to know what you're doing. I wish him the best."

Many have spoken out, like Phillies pitcher David Hernandez, against Tebow making a joke of the sport that Hernandez and other professional baseball players have spent a lifetime dedicated to.

But to Matthews, who always looks at life through a lens of optimism, there's no reason why Tebow can't try and start a second career.

"Why not?" the wide receiver said smiling. "You have one life, go do it. Look at him, he's jacked. I would do it, too."

Jake Metz will suit up as an Eagle for the first time Thursday night. GETTY IMAGES

Metz' persistence finally pays off

Persistence sometimes pays off, big time.

Just ask Jake Metz, the Soudertown High School graduate turned Division II football star turned Arena Bowl champion.

"It's amazing," the defensive end said Tuesday at the NovaCare complex. "I grew up here in Philadelphia so to win a ring with the Soul, and get to play with the team of my dreams for the next couple games is amazing I am on cloud nine."

Not more than a day after the Philadelphia Soul won the Arena Bowl, Metz was ready to keep it going and said he got calls from several teams to walk on and work out. Not surprisingly, the Philly kid chose the Eagles, and Tuesday morning he was standing on the sidelines next to Connor Barwin and Fletcher Cox.

"I was up until maybe 2 or 3 [o'clock] last night just staring at the ceiling excited to practice," Metz said. "I got here early this morning. My play on Thursday will show, and everything I do will prove if I can make it on the team or not."

Metz expects to play a great deal Thursday against the Jets with most of the Eagles roster sitting on the sidelines, as is customary for a Preseason Week 4 game. His chances to make the team are remote, but the opportunity is one he won't squander.

"I am going to do everything I can, I am going to be the first guy here and last guy here," Metz said. "I have so many friends and family who have gotten tickets to the game."

Out of Shippensburg University, Metz went undrafted and had workouts for a few NFL teams but nothing panned out, leaving him to settle for the AFL. In 2016 he was the league's defensive lineman of the year.

So to Metz, the chance is a long time coming, and a reward for his decision to stick with football.

"I think I should have made a team, to be honest," the 25-year-old said. "I had the drive the whole time and I think my persistence is what got me here. I am not worried. I am ready to play." EVAN MACY

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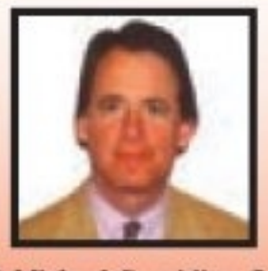

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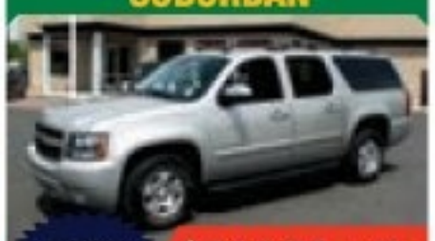
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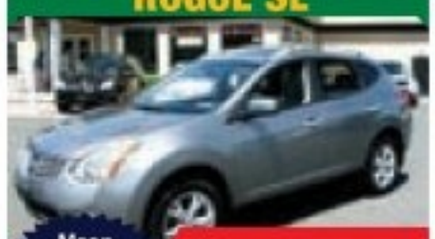
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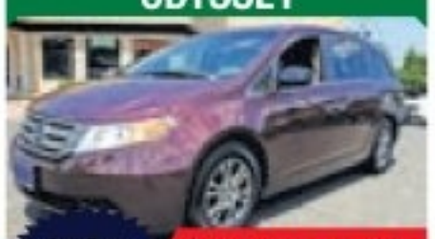
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At 24, Matthews is oldest Eagles receiver

And, according to the third-year pro, that's not a bad thing.

Jordan Matthews expects to be healthy and atop the depth chart when the season kicks off on Sept. 11 against the Browns. GETTY IMAGES

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This next sentence will make you feel old.

The oldest wide receiver currently on the Eagles roster is 24-year-old Jordan Matthews, who is entering his third NFL season. But he likes it that way.

"It's different, but I like it," Matthews said after practice Tuesday. "I like situations where everybody feels they have to go work. When guys get to Year 9, Year 10, you see, 'I know I've got this.' That works for some people, but I like rooms where you have to go work."

Matthews, who's been nursing a knee injury and has yet to play in a preseason game, is back at practice again and expects to be ready for Week 1 against the Browns. After just falling short of 1,000 yards receiving last year, the Vanderblit product is embracing his role as elder wide receiver — even if the title is a bit premature.

"We have a young group, man," the wideout said. "You can look at that one way, that it's a really young group, but I look at it that there should be no egos, and no one guy has it all figured out."

Enter 6-foot-5, 237-pound Dorial Green-Beckham, who the Eagles took a chance on two weeks ago and who appears to be a lock to make the 53-man roster. He certainly doesn't have it figured out, and at age 23, he's looking to start over.

After a troubled rookie season off the field, the Titans' second-round pick needs a strong influence in the Eagles locker room to keep him focused. And surprisingly, the wide receivers room appears to be a safe haven for him.

"The attitude in the room, starting in the classroom, everyone has a smart, positive mindset," DGB said. "We aren't afraid to say what's on our mind if we see something on the field.

"They are putting me out there and just letting me play football. Being around the guys and seeing that they are helping me learn stuff is always great."

Matthews sets the tone and tries to make the mentality of "team first" the only one the wide receivers hear. And it appears to be working.

"You stop playing for public opinion and go out there playing for the guy next to you and to get respect from your opponents and your teammates," Matthews said. "I like a room like that. When you have young guys, that facilitates it. DGB, you can't take a day off; Nelson [Agholor], you can't take a day off; Josh [Huff], you can't take a day off — and I definitely can't."

But Matthews isn't the only leader the young receivers look to. Other veterans at other positions are leading by example, despite the lack of an experienced pass-catcher to set the tone.

"For me personally, if there's no guys in my room specifically I get tips and tidbits [in other places]," he said. "I watch how Malcolm [Jenkins] does something at safety and how he practices and I implement it. I watch Jason [Peters], I watch Sam [Bradford], I watch [Jason] Kelce, Connor [Barwin], I take tips from all those guys, it doesn't always have to be in the locker room."

For a position group that has been written off by most NFL talent evaluators as being young, shallow and one of the weakest in the league — the Eagles certainly have the opposite opinion. And perhaps their youthful optimism can become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

"Within this offense we have so many playmakers, so many guys who can make a big play and fortunately I am one of those guys," Huff said.

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19 Eight, in combos
20 Beatty of "Network"
21 Wish and hope (3 wds.)
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26 Wage
27 Sushi-bar selection
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33 Like a fair lass
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38 Point of an antler
39 Fly upwards
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44 Afternoon break
45 Spuds
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56 Mild rejoinder
57 Composer — Bartok
58 Bring to mind
60 Drachma's successor
61 Veld prowler
62 Ticked off
63 Faculty honcho
64 Napoleon's island
65 Play part

Down

1 Reeked
2 Piano fixer
3 Slur together
4 "— Beso"
5 Caused resentment
6 Brick worker
7 Fuel cartel
8 Mild onion
9 Disclosing
10 Sluggishly
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12 Role player
13 Dejected
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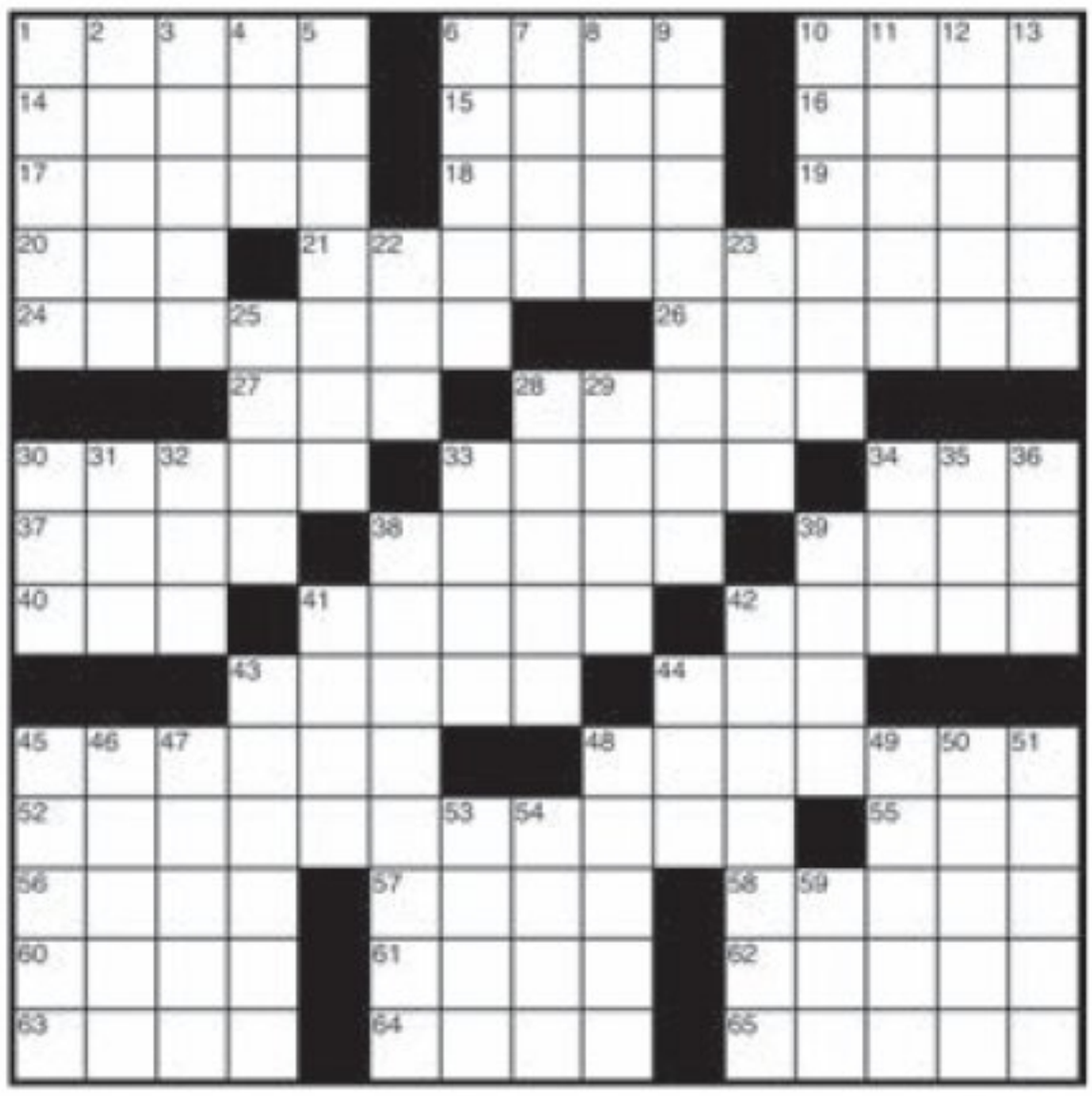

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Aries Be logical. It's in your best interest to negotiate and to present what you have to offer without the help of others. Be your own person and do things for yourself.

Taurus Money matters will cause uncertainty. Go over your expenses in order to find a way to cut corners. A business trip will lead to information that will encourage profitable changes.

Gemini You'll face criticism. Approach whatever you want to do silently. Once you have worked out all the kinks, you will find it much easier to deal with nonbelievers.

Cancer Changes at home will add to your comfort and encourage you to entertain more. If you express your thoughts, you'll gather the support needed to reach your objectives.

Leo Bring about changes that will inspire you or make your life more comfortable. Put greater emphasis on personal growth and updating your appearance. Pamper yourself.

Virgo You must be realistic when dealing with changes you want to make to your personal life or domestic environment. Practical action over expensive alterations is favored.

Libra Take a unique approach when dealing with peers or superiors in order to capture attention. Don't let the actions of others influence you. Stick to your principles.

Scorpio Positive changes at home will encourage you to socialize and host functions. Your openness will surprise some, and will result in positive interactions.

Sagittarius Jealousy and anger will surface if you get into a competitive situation, or reconnect with someone from your past. Avoid such encounters and focus on personal change.

Capricorn A requested donation or handout is best declined. You should invest in your ideas and in boosting your standard of living. Charity begins at home.

Aquarius Don't let anyone badger you into thinking you aren't doing enough or that you should take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Offer help, but set some ground rules.

Pisces Don't let someone else's uncertainty cloud your vision or slow you down. Look at the big picture and use your imagination to come up with workable solutions. EUGENIA LAST

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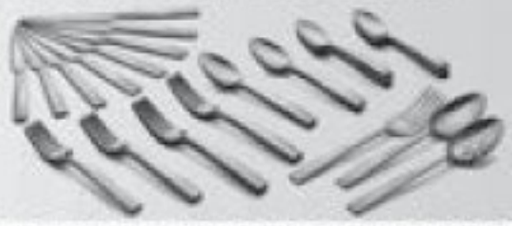

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